

Initial Assessment Study Guide



PART 1: OVERVIEW OF eWiSACWIS FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT

What functions does eWiSACWIS support for Initial Assessment?

This study guide will provide you with an overview of how eWiSACWIS supports **Initial Assessment** casework. The table included here highlights two functional areas supported by eWiSACWIS—as they relate to **Initial Assessment** child protection responsibilities.

The **Initial Assessment** function is initiated when an Intake is accepted and linked to an existing case or a new case is created.

Function	Purpose
Initial Assessment	Document the results of the initial assessment, including the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial assessment narrative Family risk assessment of future abuse/neglect Family strengths and needs assessment Determine the level of risk to the child's safety. Determine the level of family service needs. Calculate workload measurement.
Plans	Complete the following plans, as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Analysis and Plan—where family conditions support child safety while services are provided in the home. Out of Home Safety Plan and Visitation Plan—where there are safety issues that require out-of-home placement of the child.

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PART 2: eWiSACWIS FEATURES FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT

How does eWiSACWIS help me accomplish my Initial Assessment responsibilities?

See how well you can identify some eWiSACWIS features by completing Column 1 in the table below. Make your selection from the shaded box to the left of the table and write it in the same row with the description in Column 2 that best matches the feature.

SELECTIONS eWiSACWIS Features	1. Feature	2. Description
<i>Out of Home Safety Plan</i>		Assesses whether a child is in imminent danger of serious harm and whether immediate safety intervention is needed.
<i>Initial Assessment</i>		Calculates workload based on the family service level and type of worker assignment (primary or secondary).
<i>Family Risk Assessment of Future Abuse/Neglect</i>		Records narrative description of maltreatment/effects observed and family and individual functioning.
<i>Safety Analysis and Plan</i>		Documents safety issues, a plan for addressing those issues, and placement conditions that will best meet the child's needs.
<i>Family Strengths and Needs Assessment</i>		Assesses potential risk of abuse/neglect and calculates the risk level.
<i>Workload Measurement</i>		Documents overall assessment of child's immediate safety, potential risk of abuse/neglect, and family strengths and needs. Provides a system-calculated analysis of the required level of service.
<i>Safety Assessment</i>		Assesses family and individual functioning in terms of needs and strengths and calculates the overall needs level.
<i>Initial Assessment Narrative</i>		Documents family conditions that support child safety while services are provided in the home.



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PART 3: eWiSACWIS TERMINOLOGY FOR INITIAL ASSESSMENT

What new terms do I need to know to help me learn how to use the Initial Assessment features of eWiSACWIS effectively?

See how well you can identify some eWiSACWIS terms by completing Column 1 in the table below. Make your selection from the shaded box to the left of the table and write it in the same row with the description/definition in Column 2 that best matches the term.

SELECTIONS eWiSACWIS Terms <i>Participants</i> <i>Contacts</i> <i>Risk Level</i> <i>Needs Level</i> <i>Family Service Level</i> <i>In Home Services</i> <i>Template</i>	1. Term	2. Description/Definition
		System-generated document that is pre-filled with information that has been entered in associated eWiSACWIS windows.
		Services that do not alter the living arrangements of the participant. For example, child care, transportation, medical, counseling, basic health and hygiene, continuing education, and vocational training.
		System-calculated level of family service needs, expressed as low, moderate, high, or intensive.
		Persons included in the case. Includes child, family, and household members, reporter.
		Record of phone calls or face-to-face conferences documenting assessment-related information and activities concerning the case.
		System-calculated level of service needs based on the responses to the questions on the Family Strengths and Needs Assessment window.
		System-calculated level of risk to the child's safety based on the responses to the questions on the Family Risk Assessment of Future Abuse/Neglect window.



GLOSSARY

Features	
Family Risk Assessment of Future Abuse/Neglect	Assesses potential risk of abuse/neglect and calculates the risk level. The worker or supervisor may override the system-calculated risk level.
Family Strengths and Needs Assessment	Assesses family and individual functioning in terms of needs and strengths and calculates the overall needs level. The worker or the supervisor may override the system-calculated needs level.
Initial Assessment	Documents overall assessment of child's immediate safety, potential risk of abuse/neglect, and family strengths and needs. Provides a system-calculated analysis of the required level of service. The worker or supervisor may override the system-calculated family service level.
Initial Assessment Narrative	Records narrative description of maltreatment/effects observed and family and individual functioning.
Out of Home Safety Plan	Documents safety issues, a plan for addressing those issues, and placement conditions that will best meet the child's needs. Also, documents compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act.
Safety Analysis and Plan	Documents family conditions that support child safety while services are provided in the home.
Safety Assessment	Assesses whether a child is in imminent danger of serious harm and whether immediate safety intervention is needed.
Workload Measurement	Calculates workload based on the family service level and type of worker assignment (primary or secondary).
Terms	
Contacts	Record of phone calls or face-to-face conferences documenting assessment-related information and activities concerning the case.
Family Service Level	System-calculated level of family service needs, expressed as low, moderate, high, or intensive.
In Home Services	Services that do not alter the living arrangements of the participant. For example, child care, transportation, medical, counseling, basic health and hygiene, continuing education, and vocational training.
Needs Level	System-calculated level of service needs based on the responses to the questions on the Family Strengths and Needs Assessment window.
Participants	Persons included in the case. Includes child, family, and household members, reporter.
Risk Level	System-calculated level of risk to the child's safety based on the responses to the questions on the Family Risk Assessment of Future Abuse/Neglect pages.
Template	System-generated document that is pre-filled with information that has been entered in associated eWiSACWIS pages.

Next: Complete the Study Guide Quiz for Initial Assessment!